



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 17, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Parents of children with disabilities and other unique circumstances have a genuine need to locate child care providers who have the skills and training to address their child’s special needs. In 2005, the Legislature and the Governor enacted legislation to fund services to meet this increasing challenge, and created the Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) on a temporary basis.

“The program has successfully provided training for over 10,000 parents of special needs children and child care providers across Los Angeles County, and has had a similar impact across the State. The program is due to sunset this year, and legislation is required to extend it. SB 680 (Ridley-Thomas) seeks to address this, by continuing to fund the SNAP program on a permanent basis.

“Given our County’s focus and interest in promoting high-quality child care, I believe it is important to incorporate the unique needs of families with special needs children into this vision. The SNAP program provides an excellent service to this population and will continue to do so if made permanent.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of Senate Bill 680 (Ridley-Thomas), legislation which would fund the Special Needs Assistance Program;

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2. Instructed the Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board's support on this Bill; and
3. Instructed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to pursue the Board's position for SB 680.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Director of Children and Family Services
- Director of Public Social Services

Letters sent to:

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Speaker of the Assembly
- Senate President Pro Tempore
- Each Member,  
Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation